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Outgoing Commission Chair Carolyn McGinn Honors Neighborhood Development Coalition

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(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – During her final meeting as Chair of the Sedgwick County Commission, 4th District Commissioner Carolyn McGinn presented members of the McAdams Neighborhood Economic Development Coalition with the **2001 Chair's Award**.

The group is an ad-hoc committee of community members involved in different facets of neighborhood development activities in Wichita's McAdams neighborhood. Over the years, residents in this area have seen many businesses relocate to other parts of the city, and have developed a need for housing improvements.

Eleven individuals were recognized for their efforts, including: James Arbertha, Power CDC; Dave Barber, Metropolitan Area Planning Commission; Fran Crowley, McAdams Neighborhood Association, Paula Givens, Central 2000, Roy Johnson, City of Wichita Housing; Hannah McCann, Wichita Habitat for Humanity; Dave Wood and Lori Usher, Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce; Rev. Keith Spencer, 9th Street Phyllis Wheatley Association; Sherdeill Breathett, Sedgwick County Neighborhood Economic Development; and Brad Snapp, Sedgwick County Housing.

"Many people have the misconception that Sedgwick County only serves people who live in rural areas of the County or in the smaller cities in Sedgwick County," McGinn said during her announcement. "Quite to the contrary, Sedgwick County provides many services for all citizens within the County, whether they live in Wichita, Derby, Haysville, Cheney or the unincorporated areas of our community."

"We see a lot of growth and development on the fringes of our cities, however, it's very important that we also pay attention to existing neighborhoods like the historic McAdams area, to keep them vital," McGinn added.

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The Sedgwick County Chairman's Award for Outstanding Service was first given in 1988. The award was developed as a way for the Commission to recognize groups and individuals making a difference with their service to Sedgwick County and the community. The award was born in 1988 when then-Chairman Mark Schroeder, 5th District, wanted to recognize the efforts of a committee working to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Historic Sedgwick County Courthouse. After that first award, it became an annual event, chosen by the Chairman of each year's Board. It is traditionally awarded just before the end of the Chairman's term.

Past Chairman's Awards include:

1988 – Historic Sedgwick County Courthouse Centennial Committee
1989 – Contributors to the Fire Safety House
1990 – Project Freedom
1991 – North Broadway Heights Water Project
1992 – Dick & Bill DeVore Foundation
1993 – Pearl Long, Executive Director Operation Clothesline
1994 – Sedgwick County Zoological Society
1995 – Boy Scouts of America, Quivira Council
1996 – Sedgwick County Fair Association
1997 – Solid Waste Planning Committee
1998 – Daniel Carney, Physical & Mental Disability Advisory Board
1999 – Sedgwick County Commissioners & Executive Secretaries
2000 – Team Justice (Sedgwick County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board)

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